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(b) the cost of living index at the time of such revision; and

(c) whether the Government propose to revise the scales of salaries now with reference to the present cost of living index?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) A general revision of scales of pay of teachers was made last in 1947.

(b) In 1947, the cost of living index stood at 272 (base 1936 = 100).

(c) The Madras Pay Commission, 1959-60 has recommended revised scales of pay for teachers. Orders relating to the scales of pay of teachers in Government institutions have been issued. Orders relating to teachers in aided and local body institutions will be issued shortly.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : When exactly, Sir, can the orders be expected with regard to the aided institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think they should be under issue now, because I was assured that the scrutiny had almost been completed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, what, in the opinion of the Government, is the minimum living wage for a teacher or anybody in this State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think that the hon. Member is entitled to ask for my opinion about it.

Stabilization of food prices

* 74 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that this Government have made certain suggestions at the recent meeting of the National Development Council with regard to the stabilization of food prices;

(b) if so, what they are; and

(c) the decisions, if any, taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) to (c) The National Development Council at its meeting held on the 19th and 20th March requested the Chief Ministers of States to forward their suggestions relating to price policy for the Third Plan for consideration at the meeting of the National Development Council to be held on 17th April. The suggestions of the State Governments are now under consideration of a High Level Committee set up by the National Development Council. It is not in the public interest to divulge the nature of the suggestions made by the Government.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Would the Hon. the Finance Minister tell us such of those things which are not in public interest?